



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE: EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE



Build capacity

English language and youth programs

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI)

TechCamps

U.S. Speaker Program

100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund

Fulbright Programs

Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) ♀

La Red Innovación e Impacto ★

YLAI and other Professional Fellows Programs YLAI



Support business development infrastructure

Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)

Binational Centers and American Spaces

Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) programs and competitions

Embassy- and consulate-led entrepreneurship activities

Providing Opportunities for Women's Economic Rise (POWER) projects ♀

Women and Girls Empowered (WAGE)'s WE RISE and other projects ♀

♀ WEAmericas Accelerator ★

E-Commerce Capacity-Building in Central America ★

La Idea Incubator ★



Facilitate networking and partnerships

Global Entrepreneurship Summit

Entrepreneurship-related International Visitor Leadership Programs (IVLPs)

ECA exchange alumni engagement and resources

Match.state.gov business matching application

WEAmericas IVLP ♀

Fortune Global Women's Mentoring Partnership ♀

YLAI Network YLAI



Encourage access to finance

in collaboration with...

Growth in the Americas Initiative

GIST Investors

USAID micro-finance and private sector engagement

Inter-American Foundation

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation

IDB Invest

World Bank IFC

Banks and impact investors, through guarantee structures

Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (WeFi) ♀

Entrepreneurs



Investors

[Illustrative examples of programs as of January 2020]

"The free enterprise system is the best vehicle for inclusive economic growth to create jobs and end extreme poverty, and entrepreneurs are the engine of free enterprise. We are proud to partner with entrepreneurs as they innovate, create value, increase trade, inspire confidence, and demand transparent governance. By empowering entrepreneurs, we foster a more prosperous, democratic, and secure hemisphere."

– Ambassador Michael G. Kozak, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs